

#### HOW BEECHER GOT EVEN.

Made a Woman Who Slammed a Door in His Face Wish She Hadn't.

Two preachers not long ago were dis- sating the men who have been shining lights of the metropolitan pulpits, and as a matter of course Henry Ward Beecher led the procession of reminiscences.

"Beecher was never a conspicuous example of a preacher and pastor combined," said one of the men. "He made the preaching end of the work his chief concern, and left the flock to be pastozized by his assistants.

"But once in a while he would decide that he owed it to his parishioners to make a round of calls. He himself told me the following story of an incident which had occurred on one of these expeditions.

"He had made out a list of names, had got the addresses from the church directory—perhaps an old one—and was taking them in their most convenient order. This brought him to a house in which, according to his list, lived a Mrs. B—.

"It was a very modest house, and when Mr. Beecher rang the bell he had to wait some time for a response. When this did come it was a very irritated one in the person of a woman, who was evidently just from the washtub.

"Is Mrs. B— in?" asked Mr. Beecher in his best manner.

"Don't live here!" snapped the woman, and slammed the door in his face.

Mr. Beecher waited quietly on the doorstep until the woman had certainly had time to go back to the basement and to resume her washing. Then he rang the bell again. After a while the door was again opened by the sudsy female.

"Who said she did!" exclaimed Beecher, and went down the steps and off up the street.

"And I'm inclined to think," he chuckled as he told the story, "that woman will treat a civil question better the next time she meets one."—New York Sun.

#### Eliminating the Unfit.

It was a score of years ago that W. J. Conners, now chairman of the New York Democratic State Committee, secured his first great freight handling contract, and when the work was ready to start he appeared on the Ohio street dock at Buffalo and called 1,000 burly "dock wallopers" to order.

"Now," roared Conners, "yez are to worruk for me, and I want ivery man here to understand what's what. I kin lick anny man in the gang."

Nine hundred and ninety-nine swallowed the insult, but one huge, double-fisted warrior moved uneasily and, stepping from the line, he said:

"You can't lick me, Jim Conners.

"I can't, can't I?" bellowed Fingy.

"No, ye can't," was the response.

"Oh, well; thin go to the office and git your money," said Fingy. "I'll have no man in me gang that I can't lick."—Success.

#### "Hot For Grandma."

The little girl was very fond of pleasant days and at the close of a heavy rainstorm petitioned in her prayer for fine weather, when, the next morning, the sun shone bright and clear she became jubilant and told her prayer to her grandmother, who said: "Well, dear, why can't you pray tonight that it may be warmer tomorrow, so grandma's rheumatism will be better?"

"All right, I will," was the quick response; and that night as she knelt she said, "O Lord, please make it hot for grandma."—Harper's.

The output of cast iron sash weights in the United States has reached 85,000 tons a year in recent years.

The Connecticut Supreme Court will shortly put gowns on the reporter and clerk.

#### Oldest of Diseases.

Bubonic plague is one of the oldest diseases known to man. Entire nations have been swept from the face of the earth by this dread enemy, and whole stretches of fertile country have been abandoned because of a pestilence therein with which the inhabitants did not know how to cope. There have been times in the world's history when this disease ravaged the entire civilized globe, as when, in 1334 A. D., it swept from China to Norway, leaving in its wake more than twenty-five million victims. Readers of Daniel Defoe will recall his vivid description of the awful scenes in London when England was ravaged by the Black Death. Creighton in his history tells of the deaths of 70,000 people in London in the summer of 1665. Benvenuto Cellini suffered from the plague, and his accurate description of his experience with the disease from its earliest symptoms until his complete recovery is not the least interesting of the writings of that remarkable man.

Even in our own times the plague has claimed its toll of myriads of lives. Since 1895 bubonic plague has carried off four hundred thousand people annually in India alone. It is a curious fact that the connection between the plague and the rat has been known from the dawn of history. In some of the most ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics we find the rat displayed as the symbol of the plague. It was not, however, until within recent years that science identified the plague germ, a short coccus bacillus of oval rod shape. The bacillus was discovered by Kitasato and Yersin during the Hong-kong outbreak of 1894.—Harper's Weekly.

#### Deafness From Bathing.

"When the warm weather heats your blood and you long to hie to the cooling seaside and plunge boldly into the briny, pause, hesitate, consider," says an eminent nose and ear specialist. "Observe the numbers of bathers who during the season evince a sudden deafness, which often lingers for weeks at a time and sometimes becomes a permanent trouble.

"To avoid this do two things. Remember the ancient instruction to wet the top of the head first, and never allow any cold water to percolate to the drum of the ear. Many people do not know that the sudden application of cold to the back of the ear will cause the delicate mechanism to expand sharply under the rush of blood to escape. This is always followed by partial deafness, which sometimes becomes a serious matter. Another thing to watch is the shampoo. The same danger lies here if the hairdresser is either unskilled or careless. In rinsing the hair the spray should first be applied to the top of the head and gradually brought down to the nape of the neck, thus obviating the trouble."—Philadelphia Record.

#### Drifting From the Subject.

Down in Missouri Judge Wallace was addressing a meeting of Prohibitionists in one of the prohibitionist hotbeds of the State. "Yes, friends," he said, "if I am elected Governor of Missouri I'll keep this State dry when and where the law says it shall be dry! There will be no halfway!"—"Hold on," cried a man in the crowd. "Anybody can keep St. Louis dry!"

Just then the Judge purposely overturned the ice water, and during the confusion he drifted from the subject.—Kansas City Journal.

#### Yield of an Indiana Honey Tree.

The first "bee tree" found in this part of the State for many years was discovered yesterday near Merom by James Edmondson, a Terra Haute man, who, with a fishing outfit, is floating down the Wabash River.

After cutting down the tree and smoking the bees out, Mr. Edmondson got thirty pounds of fine wild honey.—Sullivan correspondence Indianapolis

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